AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8. (Cancelled).

Claim 9. (Currently Amended): A compound of the formula (1):

$$X \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow R_1 \longrightarrow R_2 \longrightarrow R_5$$
 (1)

A compound according to claim 1-wherein X, Y and Z are all chloro or methyl, or X and Z are both chloro or bromo and Y is H or methyl, or X and Z are both methyl or methoxy and Y is H, chloro, bromo or alkylthio, or X is methoxy, Y is H and Z is cyano or chloro, or X is methyl, Y is H and Z is ethyl, or X is chloro, bromo or trifluoromethyl and both Y and Z are H; R_1 is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, 2,2,2-trifluoromethyl, cyanomethyl, acetylmethyl, methoxycarbonylmethyl, methoxycarbonylethyl, hydroxymethyl or hydroxyethyl; R_2 is H; R_3 and R_4 are both methyl; and R_5 is hydroxymethyl, methoxymethyl, 1-methoxyethyl, tert-butyldimethylsiloxymethyl, 3-chloropropyl, 3-cyanopropyl, 3-methoxypropyl, 3-(1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl, 3-methylthiopropyl, 3-methanesulphinylpropyl or 3-methanesulphonylpropyl. Preferably R_4 is ethyl. Preferably R_5 is methoxymethyl or 3-cyanopropyl.

Claim 10. (Cancelled)

Claim 11. (Currently Amended): A fungicidal composition comprising a fungicidally effective amount of a compound of the general formula (1) according to claim <u>9</u> 1 and a suitable carrier or diluent therefor.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended): A method of combating or controlling phytopathogenic fungi which comprises applying a fungicidally effective amount of a compound of the general formula (1) according to claim <u>9</u>.1-to a plant, to a seed of a plant, to the locus of the plant or seed or to soil or any other plant growth medium.

Claim 13. (New) The compound of claim 9 wherein R_1 is ethyl.

Claim 14. (New) The compound of claim 9 wherein R₅ is methoxymethyl.

Claim 15. (New) The compound of claim 9 wherein $R_{\rm 5}$ is 3-cyanopropyl.